

Kialegee Tribal Town

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The responsibility of the Kialegee Tribal Town is first and foremost, to protect and preserve all areas within the history and culture of the Tribal Town by utilizing the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for required consultations. The Cultural Preservation Program has been in operation since 2008, but our culture goes back hundreds of years in the Southeastern United States and in Oklahoma.

While we understand the need and recent call for infrastructure projects, we stress the importance continuing the collaborative process that has been established with Federal agencies, Native American tribes, and project developers to protect our irreplaceable sites and locations that are significant to the Kialegee Tribal Town culture. Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission's Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) Program has proven to be a very useful tool to address, track, monitor and expedite the placement of cellular technology infrastructure within the jurisdictional territory of the Kialegee Tribal Town.

It is imperative that the TCNS Program continue in-force to prevent damage and destruction of culturally significant sites of the Kialegee Tribal Town. Through our work we have preserved and protected our independent and sovereign interests in our former and current homelands utilizing the Section 106 process with consultation on a government to government basis.

Over the past 9 years, the Kialegee Tribal Town and staff have developed quality relationships with the many consultants installing telecommunication infrastructure facilities, including cell tower siting, through the TCNS Program. It is the policy of the Kialegee Tribal Town to provide prompt response to all cell tower notifications. If and when any situations arise using the TCNS Program, we promptly contact industry consultants and/or FCC personnel to expedite resolutions.

With the emerging 5G technology by the wireless telecommunications industry, there is a need to modernize the existing TCNS system to meet the multiple small cell technology. We encourage Congress to support our efforts in maintaining a true government to government relationship with all parties, and support a possible increase in Federal funding to update the FCC's online platform to ensure that agencies' compliance with the NHPA continues with our Tribe and all other Tribes.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding the issues outlined here, please contact Jeremiah Hobia.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Hobia, Tribal Town King